

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-2 (withdrawn)

3. (Original) A label-pasting device comprising:
an adhesive applier for applying pressure-sensitive adhesive to a label-material sheet composed of only label material;

a die ~~cuter~~ for cutting out labels from the label-material sheet with pressure-sensitive adhesive; and

a label paster for pasting the cut-out labels on a packing sheet.

4. (Original) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 3 wherein:
the adhesive applier and the die cutter are synchronized;
the adhesive applier applies pressure-sensitive adhesive to an area within the outline of, and smaller than, each label portion of the label-material sheet to be cut out by the die cutter; and

the pressure-sensitive adhesive is hot melt adhesive.

5. (Original) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 3 wherein:
an anvil roller constituting the die cutter serves as the label paster too; and
the anvil roller is disposed so as to be rotatable in contact with a running surface of the packing sheet and provided with a vacuum mechanism which sucks each cut-out label onto the periphery of the anvil roller until said label is pasted on the packing sheet.

6. (Currently Amended) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 5 3
of which the label paster comprises:

said anvil roller which is separated from the said running surface of the packing sheet;

a conveying belt which is disposed between the anvil roller and the top surface of the packing sheet and carries each label received from the anvil roller in the running direction of the packing sheet; and

a pressing belt which is disposed on the downstream side of the conveying belt and presses each label onto the packing sheet.

7. (Original) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 3 of which the label paster is a vacuum-belt unit disposed on the exit side of the die cutter, the vacuum-belt unit comprising:

a small-diameter roller disposed close to the exit of the die cutter;

a large-diameter roller which is disposed so as to be in contact with the packing sheet and provided with a vacuum mechanism; and

a vacuum belt which is laid around the small-diameter roller and the large-diameter roller and has many ventholes.

8. (Original) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 7 wherein a pair of pressure rollers is disposed on the downstream side of the large-diameter roller to press each label onto the packing sheet.

Claims 9-11 (withdrawn)